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SUBJ: STATUS OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA

1. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT RESIDENT IN PEKING HAS IT FROM CHINESE SOURCE WHOM HE CONSIDERS ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE THAT FORMER PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA STILL OCCUPIES A CONSULTANT'S OFFICE AT THE FOREIGN MIINSTRY AND IS CHAUFFEURED AROUND PEKING IN A 1966 MERCEDES. (WIDESPREAD BUT THINLY-SOURCED RUMORS IN PEKING LAST AUTUMN INDICATED THAT CHIAO HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE -- NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE HAD INCLUDED CHIAO AMONG THOSE WHO HAD PASSED ON IN 1977 IN ITS YEAR-END MILESTONES PICTORIAL SECTION.)

2. COMMENT: IF CHIAO IS IN FACT LIVING A PRIVILEGED EXISTENCE, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE AMPLE REASON TO PLACE CREDENCE IN STORY FREQUENTLY HEARD IN PEKING THAT
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FOREIGN MINISTRY IS ACCUSED OF FOOTDRAGGING ON EXPOSURE OF ITS OWN ACCOMPLICES OF GANG OF FOUR.

3. SAME SOURCE TOLD CORRESPONDENT THAT MILITARY INSIGNIA WILL BE REVIVED ON MAY DAY (MAY 1) 1978.

4. PLEASE STRICTLY PROTECT ABOVE -- CORRESPONDENT DOES NOT

PLAN TO USE MATERIAL AND IS CERTAIN THAT HE COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS
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